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SUBJECT: Jordan Sets New, Higher Fuel Prices for March 2008

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With the exception of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), the Government of Jordan (GOJ) set new, higher prices for fuel products, effective March 11, in line with its decision to liberalize prices with monthly controls (reftel). Local press reports noted that prices of crude oil on the American market hit record levels topping \$108 per barrel, while global markets continued to witness speculative bids for even higher prices. The following current retail prices of petroleum products in Jordan can also be found on the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) website (www.memr.gov.jo):

Item	Old Price (Feb 2008)	New Price (Mar 2008)
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Premium gasoline,	660 fils/liter	665 fils/liter
Unleaded (95 Octane)	(\$3.53/gallon)	(\$3.56/gallon)
Regular gasoline,	575 fils/liter	585 fils/liter
Unleaded (90 Octane)	(\$3.07/gallon)	(\$3.13/gallon)
Kerosene	555 fils/liter	600 fils/liter
	(\$2.97/gallon)	(\$3.21/gallon)
Diesel	555 fils/liter	600 fils/liter
	(\$2.92/gallon)	(\$3.21/gallon)
Heavy fuel oil (industry)	348 JD/ton	374 JD/ton
	(\$491.52/ton)	(\$528.25/ton)
*LPG (12.5 Kg)	6.5 JD/cylinder	6.5 JD/cyl.
	(\$9.18/cylinder)	(\$9.18/cyl.)
Fuel oil for ships	348 JD/ton	374 JD/ton
	(\$491.52/ton)	(\$528.25/ton)
Jet fuel-local companies	540 fils/liter	600 fils/liter
	(\$2.89/gallon)	(\$3.21/gallon)
Jet fuel-foreign companies	545 fils/liter	605 fils/liter
	(\$2.91/gallon)	(\$3.23/gallon)
Jet fuel-charter flights	560 fils/liter	620 fils/liter
	(\$2.99/gallon)	(\$3.32/gallon)
Asphalt	364 JD/ton	396 JD/ton
	(\$514.12/ton)	(\$559.32/ton)

*The price of LPG cylinders will remain partially subsidized until April 2008, after which prices will be set according to international prices.

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